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FM AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO
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TAGS: SRUM, UY
SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN POLITICAL
DETAINEE: LUIS MARIA BAZZANO
REF: A. MONTEVIDEO 185, B. STATE 5146, C. STATE 221932

[REDACTED] THIS WAS ARRESTED 4 APRIL
1976 FOR LEADING A GROUP OF LEFTIST STUDENTS IN ANTI-
GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES. HE IS CURRENTLY BEING DETAINED AT
A MILITARY BARBERS IN MONTEVIDEO AND [REDACTED]

HEAD BEEN CHARGED AND TRIED BEFORE A MILITARY COURT; HE WOULD
NOT HAVE SENTENCING. [REDACTED] DOES NOT KNOW THE EXACT
FORMAL CHARGES.

5. REGARDING TREATMENT, [REDACTED] THAT LUIS HAS
ADEQUATE FOOD. HOWEVER, HE IS NOT ALLOWED ANY READING
MATERIAL EXCEPT LETTERS, WHICH ARE DELIVERED TO THE
DETAINEES ON SUNDAY. ALSO, [REDACTED] THAT LUIS IS
SUFFERING FROM AN INTERSTINAL INFECTION AND THE AUTHORI-
TIES HAVE GIVEN HIM ONLY SALVE TO TREAT THE PROBLEM.

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[REDACTED] DID NOT INDICATE THAT THIS WAS SUFFERING ANY
PHYSICAL MISFEARMENT. HOWEVER, [REDACTED] CONCERNED ABOUT HIS
MENTAL STATE BECAUSE [REDACTED] HE IS NOT
PERMITTED TO GO OUTSIDE AND THEREFORE SPENDS MOST OF
THE DAY MERELY SITTING ON HIS BED.

4. DCM DISCUSSED BAZZANO CASE WITH FORMIN FOREIGN POLICY
DIRECTOR ALVARO ALVAREZ ON SEPTEMBER 16. ALVAREZ, REFERRING
TO AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT, SAID THAT ON FEBRUARY 7, 1977 BAZZANO
WAS TRIED AND CONVICTED IN THE MILITARY COURT OF FIRST
INSTANCE FOR THE CRIME OF "SUBVERSIVE ASSOCIATION" AND THAT
HE WAS CURRENTLY AWAITING SENTENCING BY THIS COURT. DCM
TOLD ALVAREZ THAT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE CONGRESSIONAL AND
PUBLIC INTEREST IN THIS CASE IN THE UNITED STATES AND THAT
EMBASSY WOULD APPROPRIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.
5. AMBASSADOR RAISED BAZZANO CASE WITH ACTING FORMIN DELEGATE
SEPTEMBER 19. AMBASSADOR GAVE DELEGATE DETAILS OF CAR RIDGE
CAMPAIGN DESCRIBED IN THE C. EMPHASIZING THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL
INTEREST IN THIS CASE WAS EXTENSIVE AND SIGNIFICANT FOR

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URUGUAY. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT INFORMATION ALVAPEZ HAD GIVEN
TO PCM WAS NOT VERY DETAILED AND OBSERVED THAT VAGUE CHARGE
OF "SUBVERSIVE ASSOCIATION" AND LONG DELAY IN SENTENCING
WERE LIKELY TO FURTHER AROUSE PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL
CONCERNS RATHER THAN ALLEVIATE THEM. DELEANTE

SAID HE WOULD TRY TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON BAZZANO
CASE FOR EMBASSY.

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